

GENERAL RAILWAY STRIKE IS STILL HANGING IN BALANCE

WAITING GAME BEING PLAYED

Labor Leader on Way to Washington to Enlist Aid of Federal Officials in the Battle With the Railroads.

UNIONS ARE REPORTED TO BE PREPARED TO STRIKE

Strong Influences Are at Work, However, That May Result in a Cessation of the Hostilities at Any Time.

A STATEMENT IS ISSUED

ST. PAUL, Dec. 28.—The strike situation in the northwest has become a waiting game, all further action being contingent upon the success of Mr. Perham, on his way to Washington, to secure federal help in the controversy between the railroads and the switchmen.

Upon the course of Mr. Perham, who is chairman of the Railway branch of the American Federation of Labor, will depend the future action of the allied bodies in the matter of a general strike.

President F. T. Hawley of the Switchmen's Union of North America would say nothing, and Vice President Harshbarger said he could neither affirm nor deny any report that the unions are ready to strike on short notice. It has been stated by Mr. Perham that some of the unions are ready to go out at any time. These are presumably the railway clerks, freight handlers and maintenance of way men.

Mr. Harshbarger said: "There are influences at work in St. Paul and Washington that may result in the termination of the strike in a very short time."

Conference in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—H. E. Perham, president of the Railway Telegraphers, arrived today and will confer tomorrow with Vice Presidents Connors and Heberling of the Switchmen's union, before leaving for Washington to seek federal intervention in the northwest labor controversy.

A statement issued tonight by the General Managers' association of the railroads said: "Concerning the efforts of Mr. Perham to have the interstate commerce commission investigate as to whether the railroads are moving traffic, this is wholly unnecessary, as the railroads themselves will save any one the trouble of going to Washington for this purpose if they care to make their own investigation."

"We at no time have feared, nor do we now fear, a spread of the strike, because it is not at all likely that the American Federation of Labor is willing to give official sanction to an illegal strike, as this one has been."

MEN BLOWN TO ATOMS

Explosion of Dynamite at Ollie Bell Mine Kills Four Persons.

Mineral Point, Wis., Dec. 28.—Four men were blown to atoms by an explosion of dynamite at the Ollie Bell mine here this afternoon.

The men went into the powder room and it is thought placed some dynamite too near the stove. It is said that 150 pounds was stored in the room.

CLOSING ARGUMENTS.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 28.—Closing arguments were heard today in the case of John S. Sheridan, charged with the murder of his wife, Patricia Carran, who was followed by District Attorney Tilden.

DEFINITION OF A "DRINKING MAN" IS GIVEN BY BROKAW

No One Is "Drinking Man" Who Takes Less Than Seven or Eight Drinks a Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—W. Goud Brokaw had a bad day of it on the stand at Mineola, L. I., today. He had previously testified to his fairness toward his wife, who is suing for separation with alimony of \$60,000 a year.

Today, however, under cross-examination, he was forced to admit that he had accused her, in a letter to his mother-in-law, of loving another man, of drinking too much port wine, and of smoking cigarettes.

Brokaw also admitted that his secretary, Elyford, has assisted him in breaking down the door of his wife's bedroom. Brokaw was in an irritable mood and forgetful of details. His wife, however, was in a light humor. Almost buried in white furs, she sat near the witness and smiled often.

In addition to the interesting developments in Brokaw's testimony, it became known that Mrs. Frank J. Gould, Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Eugene White of Syracuse and other friends of Mrs. Brokaw had offered to appear as witnesses in her behalf, but counsel for Mrs. Brokaw said that he considered his client's case sufficiently strong and declined the offer. These friends were nearly all members of a house party to



MISS INEZ MULHOLLAND, Rich Vassar girl graduate, who is aiding New York shirtwaist makers in their strike.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Preparations are in progress for a mass meeting in Madison Square Garden, where 14,000 union shirtwaist makers plan to hold one of the greatest labor demonstrations in New York's history. The proposed meeting is a part of the fight the striking women are making to obtain recognition for their union. Miss Inez Mulholland has been released from prison, where she was sent for doing picket duty.

ZELAYA STILL UPON HUNT FOR TROUBLE

CORDOBA, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Jose Santos Zelaya declared tonight that he is still president of Nicaragua, although he may never go back to that country to enjoy the privileges of the office.

Madrid, he asserted, is only a provincial president, and he (Zelaya) has not relinquished the office.

Zelaya denied that he was a prisoner in the hands of Mexican officials in any sense of the word.

Zelaya was asked whether it was a fact, as reported in a dispatch from Managua, that, in giving him a refuge in this country, the Managua government accepted responsibility for his person and his version.

"I cannot," replied the witness.

"When do you think a man qualifies as a drinking man?"

"Well," said Brokaw, "I would not call anyone a 'drinking man' who takes less than seven or eight drinks a day."

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MINISTER'S HEROIC ACT.

Walks Twelve Miles Through Snow to Attend Christmas Celebration.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Rev. W. F. Bostick, a post graduate divinity student at the University of Chicago, probably will suffer the amputation of both feet as the result of his courageous effort to walk 12 miles through a driving snowstorm last Sunday night in order to reach the Christmas celebration of the Little Baptist church at Yorkville.

The attending physician at Yorkville says there is but slight chance of saving the victim's feet.

A pathetic feature of the minister's misfortune lies in the fact that he might have been saved great suffering had he not been turned away from the doors of a farmer's house at which he had applied for shelter and assistance after he had been exhausted in the deep snow and felt that he was freezing.

ATTACKS AN AGED MAN.

Tramp Asks for Shelter and Cuts Benefactor's Throat.

East Douglas, Mass., Dec. 28.—Entering her kitchen unexpectedly today, Mrs. Charles Potter found a young tramp who had asked to be allowed to warm himself, in the act of cutting the throat of her 77-year-old husband, whom he had plied on the floor.

At her shrieks the assailant fled, but not before he had cut the aged man's windpipe so severely that it is thought he will die.

The victim was popularly credited with keeping a large sum of money in the house.

An Old Time Feud Ends in Shooting

RECOVERY OF VICTIM SURE

Charles Walker, Prominent Portland Merchant, Is Shot by Unknown Assailant Who Makes Good His Escape.

STREETS ARE CROWDED WHEN SHOTS ARE FIRED

Patrolmen Armstrong and MacMartin Give Chase to Would-Be Assassin, Who Climbs Fence and Escapes.

WOUND IS NOT SERIOUS

Charles Walker said in his room at the hotel last night that he was positive that his assailant is the leader of a rival race track element in Portland, Ore., with whom he had frequently clashed. When he gave to his suspicious he said that he could not clearly make out the features of the man who shot at him, but said that they strikingly resembled those of the man whom he has for years recognized as his enemy in various movements in the municipal affairs of Portland. He said that he had seen this enemy board an east-bound train at the time he left Portland and that the controversy had reached its zenith shortly before Christmas.

CHARLES WALKER, a merchant of Portland, Ore., narrowly escaped assassination, at West Temple and First South streets, shortly after 6 o'clock last night, when the agent of feudists, said to have been formed against him in his home city, fired three shots at his head, almost point blank.

Singing so close to his ears that he could almost feel their brush, the first two bullets missed their mark, but the third entered his upper left arm, inflicting a flesh wound, which, though severe in its character, is not considered dangerous.

The name of the assailant of Walker is not known. Though he will not divulge them, Walker is said to have suspicions. The shots had but fairly been fired at him when he ripped out a revolver, and it is thought that there would have been a vicious duel on the street corner had not the assailant darted into the shadow of buildings when he found that Walker was ready to fight. The would-be assassin was chased nearly a block by Patrolmen J. C. Armstrong and J. MacMartin, when he finally made good his escape by leaping over a board fence.

Assassin Draws Revolver.

Leaning against the cigar counter in the Germania saloon, at the corner of First South and West Temple streets, the would-be assassin, a tall man with a dark slouch hat, and generally well groomed, had been watching for nearly an hour last night. Suddenly he straightened up, reached toward his back pocket and stealthily left the saloon. As he reached the sidewalk he drew a revolver.

Walker had just passed the saloon and was on his way to a fashionable hotel, a short way from the corner, where he has been stopping since coming to Portland.

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IDENTITY OF MURDERED MAN REMAINS MYSTERY

Police of Kansas City Are Unable to Find the Missing Link.

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—Although identified at different times as the body of John Whitehead of Carthage, Mo., and Harry McConnell of Grand Island, Neb., the remains of the slain man found in a brutal pile near Kansas City, Kan., Sunday night lies unidentified tonight in a local morgue.

Whitehead, who found the body, identified it as that of his relative.

Hendricks had never seen Whitehead, but he was confident of the identification on account of the resemblance of the dead to a photograph of Whitehead in his possession.

Immediately following this the police began a lengthy cross questioning of Hendricks and his wife. While the interrogation was in progress, it was learned that Whitehead was alive and well at his home.

BRILLIANT RECEPTION.

American Officials Are Honored by Governor Colton at San Juan.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 28.—Governor Colton's reception last night in honor of the American secretary of war, Jacob M. Dickinson, and Brigadier General Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, was unsurpassed even by that given to President Roosevelt in 1906. Delegations from all towns in the island and from all branches of society were present.

The Republican and Unionist parties, which have united to urge citizenship, an elective senate and other reforms, have appointed a committee to confer with Secretary Dickinson. The committee will present a petition to Congress requesting that these proposals be carried into effect.

MURDERER IS CAPTURED.

Toledo, O., Dec. 28.—Joseph Mackley, 32 years old, who killed 18-year-old Caroline Hunt and shot her parents, Stephen Hunt and his wife last night, was captured tonight.

STATE TEACHERS TO ENDORSE GOVERNOR

Executive's Attitude on State Aid to High Schools to Be Approved.



D. H. CHRISTENSEN, Superintendent of Salt Lake schools and chairman of general arrangements committee.



A. C. NELSON, State superintendent of public instruction and ex-officio custodian of the Utah Teachers' association.

FOLLOWING a caucus of high school principals from every part of the state last night, resolutions will be offered at the State Teachers' convention, this afternoon, endorsing the attitude of Governor William Spry on the question of state aid to high schools, and urging support of the constitutional amendment, at the election next November, granting such aid to state high schools.

The resolution will be presented by D. H. Robison, principal of the Manti high school, who is chairman of the committee appointed a year ago to work for state aid for high schools. He said last night that high school principals and teachers were pleased with Governor Spry's attitude, as reflected in the message to the convention, urging support of the constitutional amendment authorized at the last legislature.

TODAY'S PROGRAM.

10 a. m.—Departmental meetings at high school, including nature study and science, crafts, art, superintendent, and school board, high school, grammar grade, primary and physical education sections.

1:30 p. m.—General business session, speech by Dr. Balliet on "The Function of Play in Education," and a number of officers and sine die adjournment.

Note.—The hour of the afternoon session has been set at an earlier time to allow the great amount of business to be transacted before evening so that delegates may catch the 6 o'clock train.

The high school principals also endorsed Professor Joseph F. Merrill, director of the school of mines of the University of Utah, for president of the Utah Teachers' association, not only because of his sympathy with high schools, but because of his general popularity among the teachers. The state, it is likely that he will be selected without opposition this afternoon.

That the administration of criminal law is a disgrace, and that a combination of men is coming degradation into money, to the great detriment of the public schools, were kindred statements made last night before 1,500 teachers at Assembly hall by Dr. Thomas M. Balliet, dean of the school of pedagogy of New York university.

WHOLESALE THEFT IS CHARGED AGAINST SPY

Richard Knowlden Placed on Trial for Stealing Wireless Plans and Sketches.

London, Dec. 28.—The wholesale theft of wireless plans, medals and sketches, which in the hands of an expert would reveal all the workings and innermost secrets of the wireless, is charged against Richard Knowlden, who was placed on trial at the Old Bailey today.

Knowlden is a draughtsman attached to the torpedo school ship Vernon. In his room he found and carried away plans for wireless improvements and coding books of the most confidential character, which are issued to officers only.

The authorities attach the greatest importance to the arrest, as they contend that the documents abstracted from the Vernon had reached foreign governments, all the labor of recent years given to the perfecting of a wireless system for the British navy, would have been rendered practically fruitless.

HALLEY'S COMET VISIBLE.

New York, Dec. 28.—For the first time since Halley's comet reached this section of the heavens on its present visit, it is visible to the naked eye in New York.

Professor Eastman of Columbia University has been studying the comet without the use of a telescope. It is in the northeast 20 degrees in length. For two weeks it will be visible, and it will be plainly seen for several nights.

ANOTHER WRECK REPORTED AS RESULT OF HURRICANE

Sole Support of Aged Mariner Is Total Loss, but Crew Makes Shore Safely.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The discovery today of the wreck of the five-masted schooner Davis Palmer, which sank, with twelve men, Sunday morning, at the entrance to Broad sound, was followed by the report of another wreck in the outer harbor.

This second victim of the great storm that swept New England Saturday night and Sunday was reported by Captain Kemp of the tug Ariel, who asserts that he saw three masts of a schooner projecting above the water near the shoals known as "The Graves."

Although Captain Kemp locates the vessel three miles east of the wreck of the Palmer, some marine authorities think that he may have been mistaken in his bearings and that he saw the Palmer's masts. Seafaring men who believe the tugmaster is not mistaken about his bearings suggest the possibility of a collision between the Palmer and the unknown schooner.

Probably the last person to see the Palmer before she sank was Captain Soakamp of the barge Hopatong, who docked at Lynn today from Hobeoken. He reported passing the Palmer off Cape Cod late Christmas afternoon. At that time the Palmer's sailors were on deck singing and celebrating the holiday in true sea fashion.

Yesterday's toll of wreck was increased today. The schooner Ada K. Damon, sole support of her aged master, Captain A. K. Brewster of York, Me., went ashore near Ipswich. Her crew probably be a total loss. Her crew reached shore safely.

In Chelsea, where a tidal wave broke a dike and flooded the houses of 200 people, a high tide today opened two new breaks. Many cellars that had been missed out by fire surges were again flooded. It will be weeks before people in the eighty acres of tide lands will be able to return to their homes.